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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

SPONGE FOR CREATING AN ANASTOMOSIS BETWEEN VESSELS

the specification of which

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☒ was filed on February 28, 2002, as
Application 10/085,738 and
was amended on _____ (if
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

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Application Serial No.	Filing Date	Status (patented, pending, abandoned)

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